

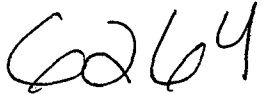
OMB No. 1124-0005; Expires April 30, 2017

U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530**Short Form Registration Statement**
Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended

INSTRUCTIONS. Each partner, officer, director, associate, employee, and agent of a registrant is required to file a short form registration statement unless he engages in no activities in furtherance of the interests of the registrant's foreign principal or unless the services he renders to the registrant are in a secretarial, clerical, or in a related or similar capacity. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic short form registration statement at <http://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required for the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide the information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the Registration Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the Registration Unit's webpage: <http://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public and online at: <http://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .429 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, Registration Unit, Counterespionage Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name Ben F. Barnes	2. Registration No. 
3. Residence Address(es) 98 San Jacinto #1502 Austin, TX 78701	4. Business Address(es) 901 S MOPAC Expy, Ste 1-100 Austin, TX 78746
5. Year of Birth 1938 Nationality USA Present Citizenship USA	6. If present citizenship was not acquired by birth, indicate when, and how acquired.
7. Occupation Founder & Principal, Ben Barnes Group	
8. What is the name and address of the primary registrant? Name Ben Barnes Group Address 901 S MOPAC Expy, Ste 1-100 Austin, TX 78746	
9. Indicate your connection with the primary registrant: <input type="checkbox"/> partner <input type="checkbox"/> director <input type="checkbox"/> employee <input type="checkbox"/> consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> officer <input type="checkbox"/> associate <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> subcontractor <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) _____	
10. List every foreign principal to whom you will render services in support of the primary registrant. The National Board for the Following Up and Recovering of the Libyan Looted and Disguised Funds of the Transitional Government of Libya, through Washington African Consulting Group, Inc. ("WACG")	
11. Describe separately and in detail all services which you will render to the foreign principal(s) listed in Item 10 either directly, or through the primary registrant listed in Item 8, and the date(s) of such services. (If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.) Providing consulting services to WACG, which is assisting the National Board for the Following-Up and Recovering of the Libyan Looted and Disguised Funds in identifying and recovering Libyan assets in the United States and abroad, but not in Libya.	

12. Do any of the above described services include political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If yes, describe separately and in detail such political activity.

Ben Barnes Group will seek to influence United States policies concerning suspended or frozen assets of Libya within the United States and to strengthen the inter-governmental relations between the two nations.

13. The services described in Items 11 and 12 are to be rendered on a

☐ full time basis

☒ part time basis

☐ special basis

14. What compensation or thing of value have you received to date or will you receive for the above services?

☐ Salary: Amount \$ _____ per _____

☐ Commission at _____ % of _____

☒ Salary: Not based solely on services rendered to the foreign principal(s).

☐ Fee: Amount \$ _____

☐ Other thing of value _____

15. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the date of your obligation to register to the time of filing this statement, did you make any contributions of money or other things of value from your own funds or possessions and on your own behalf in connection with any election to political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
SEE ATTACHMENT			

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this registration statement and that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

11/25/14

(Date of signature)

Ben Barnes

(Signature)

Footnote: "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

Political Giving
Ben Barnes
June 27, 2014 to November 17, 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
Federal			
07/23/2014	Friends of Dick Durbin		2,600.00
07/23/2014	Democratic Party of IL - Federal		7,500.00
08/04/2014	Booker for Senate		2,600.00
08/27/2014	New Hampshire Democratic Party		10,000.00
08/27/2014	Natalie Tennant for Senate		2,500.00
09/16/2014	Ed Markey four US Senate		2,600.00
10/30/2014	Nick Casey for Congress		2,000.00
Total Federal			29,800.00
Federal PAC			
10/30/2014	Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee		16,200.00
10/07/2014	Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee		500.00
10/30/2014	Big Easy Committee		4,000.00
10/30/2014	Maryland Democratic Party		4,000.00
Total Federal PAC			24,700.00
Municipal			
07/18/2014	Mandy Dealey Campaign	Austin	350.00
10/20/2014	Let's Go Austin PAC	Austin	5,000.00
Total Municipal			5,350.00
State			
06/30/2014	Texas Victory Committee	TX	5,000.00
06/30/2014	Democratic Governors Association		100,000.00
06/30/2014	Democratic Party of Arkansas	AR	5,000.00
07/09/2014	Andrew Cuomo 2014	NY	5,000.00
10/07/2014	Leticia Van De Putte	TX	3,000.00
10/07/2014	Tom Wolf for Governor	PA	5,000.00
10/07/2014	Paul Davis for Governor	KS	2,000.00
10/07/2014	William Gardner	NH	10,000.00
10/20/2014	Rhode Island Democratic Party	RI	5,000.00
10/30/2014	Mowrer for Iowa	IA	500.00
10/31/2014	Texas Victory Committee	TX	5,000.00
Total State			145,500.00